



**BERNALILLO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Ref: No Burning Days within Bernalillo County

Due to high winds, low humidity and lack of precipitation, fuels throughout the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County continue to dry out, increasing the danger of fires to a hazardous level. Fire incidents for all local, state and federal fire agencies are on the increase. As a precautionary measure, beginning Monday April 16, 2007, the Bernalillo County Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau will post open burn restriction information on its burn line daily based on atmospheric conditions gathered from the National Weather Service. The criteria for Bernalillo County no burn days include: Sustained winds measured at 20 feet of 15 mph or higher and afternoon relative humidity less than 25% for one day.

Therefore, the following types of fires and open burning will be prohibited in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County on these no burn days:

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| ➤ Above Ground Detonation | ➤ Research and Development |
| ➤ Agricultural Burning | ➤ Slash Piles |
| ➤ Bon Fires | ➤ Smoking |
| ➤ Burning of Explosives | ➤ Weed Burning |
| ➤ Campfires | ➤ Charcoal broilers, barbecue grills, wood, and coal-burning stoves used outside of private dwellings are classified as campfires and are prohibited |
| ➤ Ceremonial Fires | |
| ➤ Controlled Burning | |
| ➤ Cooking Fires | |
| ➤ Disease Control | |
| ➤ Heating Fires | |
| ➤ Hot Torch Burning | |
| ➤ Ignition of Rocket Motors | |
| ➤ Open Burning | |
| ➤ Open Flames | |
| ➤ Timber and Forest Management | |

Grills utilizing propane or white gas will be allowed as the flame can be extinguished immediately.



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Days designated as no burn days include any open burning permitted by either the Bernalillo County Fire Department and the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Air Quality Board per Title 20 Chapter 11 part 21.12.A NMAC.

A penalty for Burning on No burn days carries a fine of not more than \$300.00 or 90 days in jail or both. Bernalillo County Fire Crews will issue a notice of hazard and forward the NOH to Fire Prevention Bureau for further action if needed. The Crew may call out a Deputy Fire Marshal to issue citation if the crew feels that the burn warrants it.

Smoking is restricted to designated areas, within structures or within vehicles equipped with ashtrays.

Exceptions: Cooking or heating devices that use kerosene, white gas, or propane as fuel may be used with adequate fire protection and defensible space.

Authority Reference: Bernalillo County Code 34, Article III, UFC 1991 edition Section 1.203. (h)